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AMONG TRICKLES OF INFORMATION FILTERING TO US FROM BRITISH AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON (TO STRONG FOR CLARKE FROM MCCORMACK) IS REMARK OF DEGERTY THAT UNDER CONTEMPLATED ARRANGEMENTS TAYLOR WILL PROBABLY BE ATTACHED TO BICKERS STAFF. IF THIS IS BEING CONSIDERED, SUGGEST YOU GIVE THOUGHT TO EFFECT ON BERKELEY STREET LIASON AND LIASON OF MORE GENERAL NATURE, SUCH AS KEEPING TRACK OF NEW FIELDS, FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS PLANS, CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS, FLOW OF ECONOMIC WARFARE MATERIAL ETC. WHILE INTELLIGENCE PROBLEM INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION SEEMS CAPABLE OF PROPER SOLUTION REGARDLESS OF HOW TAYLORS JCB IS SETUP, I DOUBT WHETHER THESE OTHER JOBS COULD BE DONE EFFECTIVELY IF TAYLOR WERE ON ETOUSA STAFF AND PARTICULARLY DOUBT THIS IN CASE OF BERKELEY STREET OPERATION. AS CHIEF SAYS, THE OPERATION AND MOST OF OTHER THINGS THAT PART DO'S WILL END WITH WAR BUT BERKELEY STREET WILL GO ON, AND NOBODY HERE IS LOSING SIGHT OF ITS IMPORTANCE. PRINCIPAL JOBS THEREFORE CAN OF COURSE BE DONE DIRECTLY AND ON BUSINESS BASIS BUT THE IMPORTANT LONG RANGE JOB, TO MY WAY OF THINKING, REQUIRES SOMEBODY WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO SIT AROUND ABSORBING GENERAL ATMOSPHERE, CULTIVATING AND ASSOCIATING WITH PERSONS IN

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ORGANIZATION AND BEING ALERT TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS, CHANGES OF EMPHASIS IN WORK, GENERAL INTELLIGENCE POLICIES OF FOREIGN OFFICE ETC, AND APART FROM QUESTION OF HAVING TIME TO DO THIS JOB, I HAVE SO'E DOUBTS WHETHER MEMBER OF ETOUSA STAFF WOULD BE RECEIVED CONTINUOUSLY ON BASIS WHICH WOULD PERMIT HIM TO FUNCTION AT BERKELEY STREET IN WAY INDICATED. HAVE STRONG FEELING THAT THERE IS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR TAYLOR HERE AS REPRESENTATIVE ON POLICY AND AS A KIND OF FLOATING OBSERVER WHOSE PRINCIPAL JOB WOULD BE TO KNOW AT ANY MOMENT ALL THE IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THIS WHOLE FIELD. SUCH A MAN SHOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH BICKER AND IN THIS CONNECTION THE HIGH OPINION OF BICKER EXPRESSED BY EVERYBODY FROM CHIEF TO LOWEST RANKS IS TOO WIDESPREAD AND TOO SPECIFIC TO BE MERELY POLITENESS AND PERMITS CONCLUSION THAT HE HAS DONE ABSOLUTELY FIRST RATE JOB IN GETTING HIMSELF ESTABLISHED HERE.

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